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# Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Art Unit	3643
Examiner Name	Richard Thomas Price, Jr.
Attorney Docket Number	P06667US0-169G

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- a. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) **08/05/2005 SHASSEN1 00000032 10659650**
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) **01 FC:2801 395.00 OP**
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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SERIAL NO.: 10/659,650  
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TITLE : METHOD AND MEANS FOR STUFFING NATURAL CASING  
WITH SAUSAGE EMULSION  
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 13, 2005, Applicant requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. In addition to this request, Applicant submits the following amendment:


Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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